

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A removable power source, comprising:  
a housing ;  
a battery disposed within said housing;  
  
an electrical power generator disposed within said housing; and  
a power control module disposed within said housing and coupled to said battery and  
said electrical power generator and arranged to supply power to a machine from either said  
battery or said generator.
  2. The power source of claim 1, wherein said electrical power generator further  
comprises:  
an internal combustion engine; and  
an electrical generator coupled to said internal combustion engine.
  3. The power source of claim 1, wherein said electrical power generator further  
comprises a fuel cell.
  4. The power source of claim 1, wherein said housing is sized to fit in a compartment for  
holding a battery of said machine.
  5. The power source of claim 4, wherein said housing is removable from the  
compartment for holding a battery.
  6. The power source of claim 2, wherein said internal combustion engine is a spark  
ignition engine.
  7. The power source of claim 2, wherein said internal combustion engine is a  
compression ignition engine.
  8. The power source of claim 2, wherein said internal combustion engine is a rotary  
engine.

9. The power source of claim 2, wherein said internal combustion engine is a reciprocating engine.

10. A method of replacing a battery in an electric powered machine with a rapidly renewable power source, comprising:

uncoupling the battery from the machine;

removing the battery from the battery compartment of the machine;

placing a rapidly renewable power source in the battery compartment; and

coupling the rapidly renewable power source to the machine.

11. A method for converting a battery-powered machine to a hybrid powered machine comprising the steps:

uncoupling the battery from the machine;

removing the battery from the machine;

placing a hybrid power source in the battery compartment of the machine; and

coupling the hybrid power source to the machine.

12. A vehicle, comprising:

a chassis;

a wheel rotatably attached to said chassis;

an electric motor coupled to said chassis and to said wheel; and

a power source electrically coupled to said electric motor, said power source comprising;

a housing,

a battery disposed within said housing,

a power control module disposed within said housing and coupled to said battery,

and

an electrical power generator disposed within said housing and coupled to said power control module.

Q2 13. The vehicle disclosed in claim 12 wherein said vehicle is a forklift further comprising

a lifting mechanism coupled to said chassis.

*Claim 14*  
14. The vehicle disclosed in claim 12 wherein said vehicle is a work platform further comprising a scissor type lifting mechanism coupled to said chassis.

*Claim 15*  
15. The vehicle of claim 12, wherein said housing is removable as a unit.

*Claim 16*  
16. The power source of claim 1, wherein said electrical power generator further comprises:

an external combustion engine; and  
an electrical generator coupled to said external combustion engine.

17. The power source of claim 16, wherein said external combustion engine is a gas turbine.